

# DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residences, post office addresses and citizenship is as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **TEXTILE FINISHING PROCESS**

the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto and identified as attorney docket No. REF/CIP19

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in *Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56*. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under *Title 35, United States Code §119* of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)			PRIORITY CLAIMED	
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I HEREBY CLAIM THE BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 35 U.S. CODE §119(E) OF ANY U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS LISTED BELOW.	
Application Number	Day/Month/Year Filed
60/046,298	May 13, 1997

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I hereby claim the benefit under *Title 35, United States Code, §120* of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating The United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of *Title 35, United States Code, §112*, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in *Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56* which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Number	Filing Date	Status - Patented, Pending or Abandoned
09/075,334	May 11, 1998	Pending
09/163,319	September 30, 1998	Pending

☐ Additional US/PCT Priority Application(s) listed on Following Page(s)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under *section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code* and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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I authorize our attorneys to accept and follow instructions from \_\_\_\_\_ regarding any matter related to the preparation, examination, grant and maintenance of this application, any continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional based thereon, and any patent resulting therefrom, until we or our assigns withdraw this authorization in writing.

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 7781 Gwenwyn Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45236	POST OFFICE ADDRESS IS THE SAME AS RESIDENCE ADDRESS UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN BELOW American Laundry Machinery Incorporated 5050 Section Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212-2099
DATE <i>March 12, 1999 (3/12/99)</i>	SIGNATURE <i>George L. Payet</i>

Docket No 9116-416

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Applicant: George L. Payet : Group Art Unit: 1751  
Serial No.: 09/267,654 : Examiner: C. Ingersoll  
Filed: March 15, 1999 :  
For: **Textile Finishing Process**

**ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Procter & Gamble AG, 1 Rue Pre de la Bichette, 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland, is Assignee of application Serial No. 09/267,654 by virtue of an Assignment (copy attached) executed September 30, 1999, by American Textile Solutions, Inc., 5050 Section Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212, which had been the assignee by virtue of an Assignment (copy attached) executed March 25, 1999, by American Laundry Machinery, 5050 Section Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212, which had been the assignee by virtue of an Assignment (copy attached) executed March 12, 1999, by inventor George L. Payet, 7781 Gwenwyn Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236.

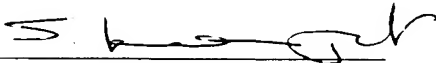
The Examiner is requested to recognize Brian Bolam, Registration No. 37,513, The Procter & Gamble Company, and Ronald J. Snyder, Registration No. 31,062; James D. Liles, Registration No. 28,320; Holly D. Kozlowski, Registration No. 30,468; Phillip A. Rotman II, Registration No. 38,290; Martin J. Miller, Registration No. 35,953; Victor C. Moreno, Registration No. 40,732; Jackie A. Zurcher, Registration No. 42,251; John V. Harmeyer, Registration No. 41,815; Scott N. Barker, Registration No. 42,292; Geoffrey L. Oberhaus, Registration No. 42,995; Joseph P. Mehrle, Registration No. P-45,535; John P. Colbert, Registration No. P-45,765; and Stephen S. Wentsler, Registration No. P-46,403, my attorneys, c/o Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, 1900 Chemed Center, 255 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, (513) 977-8200 in this application.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she is empowered to act as set forth herein on behalf of the assignee.

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Respectfully submitted,

PROCTER & GAMBLE AG

  
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*Directors*

  
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ASSIGNOR, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by ASSIGNOR, hereby grants, assigns and conveys to PROCTER & GAMBLE

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ASSIGNOR also hereby grants, assigns and conveys to ASSIGNEE all right, title and interest in and to the foreign Patent(s) or Patent Application(s) identified on Appendix A hereof. The U.S. Patent Property and Foreign Patent Property collectively may be referred to herein as "U.S. and Foreign Patent Properties".

ASSIGNOR also hereby grants, assigns and conveys to ASSIGNEE the right to apply anywhere in the World for foreign patent(s) or the equivalent in respect of or based upon the U.S. and Foreign Patent Properties including the right to claim the benefit of any international convention or treaty including the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and to claim priority pursuant to rights accorded ASSIGNOR under the terms of the International (Paris) Convention For The Protection of Industrial Property and any and all other available international conventions and treaties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I(We) have hereunto set hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1999.

AMERICAN TEXTILE SOLUTIONS, INC.

By

Signature

ANTHONY Y. STRIKE, PRESIDENT  
Print Name and Title

APPENDIX A

DURABLE PRESS/WRINKLE FREE PROCESS

COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U S	Provisional 60/046,298
U S	09/075,334, now USP 5,885,308 (Corresponding to Provisional 60/046,298)
U S	09/270,061 (Continuation of 09/075,334)
Patent Cooperation Treaty (all available countries - See list attached)	PCT/US98/09367 (Corresponding to 09/075,334)

DURABLE PRESS/WRINKLE FREE PROCESS - RAYON

COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U.S.	09/163,319

TEXTILE FINISHING PROCESS

COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U. S.	09/267,654
Patent Cooperation Treaty (all available countries - See list attached)	PCT/US99/03739 (Corresponding to 09/163,319 and 09/267,654 with added subject matter)



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COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
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Bangladesh	34/99
Bhile	530/99
Colombia	99017428
Egypt	305/99
Hong Kong	Will Grant From Chinese Patent (designated under PCT)
India	0317/MAS/99
Malaysia	PI 9901065
Morocco	25.504
Pakistan	204/99
Peru	000234 99
Philippines	1-1999-00593
Saudi Arabia	99200120
South Africa	99/2212
Taiwan	88104401
Thailand	1717
Thailand	049475
Venezuela	528-99

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## Box Number V — Designation of State

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- ☒ OA OAPI Patents: BF Burkina Faso, BJ Benin, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, GA Gabon, GN Guinea, ML Mali, MR Mauritania, NE Niger, SN Senegal, TD Chad, TO Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT. If other kind of protection or treatment desired, please specify:

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legal representatives. The term ASSIGNEE, as used herein, shall include ASSIGNEE's successors, assigns, transferees, heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I(We) have hereunto set hand and seal as of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999.

AMERICAN LAUNDRY MACHINERY, INC.

By Anthony Y. Strike  
Signature  
ANTHONY Y. STRIKE, PRESIDENT  
Print Name and Title

APPENDIX A

DURABLE PRESS/WRINKLE FREE PROCESS

COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U.S.	Provisional 60/046,298
U.S.	09/075,334, now USP 5, 985,308 (Corresponding to Provisional 60/046,298)
U. S.	09/270,061 (Continuation of 09/075,334)
Patent Cooperation Treaty (all available countries - See list attached)	PCT/US98/09367 (Corresponding to 09/075,334)

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COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U.S.	09/163,319

TEXTILE FINISHING PROCESS

COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
U. S.	09/267,654
Patent Cooperation Treaty (all available countries - See list attached)	PCT/US99/03739 (Corresponding to 09/163,319 and 09/267,654 with added subject matter)



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COUNTRY	SERIAL NUMBER
Argentina	990101262
Bangladesh	34/99
Bhile	530/99
Colombia	99017428
Egypt	305/99
Hong Kong	Will Grant From Chinese Patent (designated under PCT)
India	0317/MAS/99
Malaysia	PI 9901035
Morocco	25.504
Pakistan	204/99
Pru	000234 99
Philippines	1-1999-00593
Saudi Arabia	99200120
South Africa	99/2212
Taiwan	88104401
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Thailand	049475
Venezuela	528-99

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **George L. PAYET** whose post office address(es) appear(s) below, hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNOR**, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **TEXTILE FINISHING PROCESS** (hereinafter referred to as the **INVENTION**) for which an application for United States Letters Patent having the aforementioned title and attorney docket REF/CIP19 was executed on even date herewith.

WHEREAS, **AMERICAN LAUNDRY MACHINERY, INC.** whose post office address is **5050 Section Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212-2099, USA**, hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEE**, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the United States and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I (we), **ASSIGNOR**, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said **ASSIGNEE**, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said **INVENTION** and application throughout the United States of America, including any and all United States Letters Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said application; and the entire right, title and interest in and to the said **INVENTION** throughout the world, including the right to apply for patents and inventor certificates in respect thereof and to claim priority pursuant to rights accorded **ASSIGNOR** under the terms of the Paris International Convention and all other available international conventions and treaties; and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, patents of addition, utility models, patents of importation, revalidation patents and inventor certificates which may be granted throughout the world in respect of said **INVENTION**.

ALSO, **ASSIGNOR** hereby agrees to execute any documents that legally may be required in connection with the filing, prosecution and maintenance of said application or any other patent application(s) or inventor certificate(s) in the United States and in foreign countries for said **INVENTION**, including additional documents that may be required to affirm the rights of **ASSIGNEE** in and to said **INVENTION**, all without further consideration. **ASSIGNOR** also agrees, without further consideration and at **ASSIGNEE**'s expense, to identify and communicate to **ASSIGNEE** at **ASSIGNEE**'s request documents and information concerning the **INVENTION** that are within **ASSIGNOR**'s possession or control, and to provide further assurances and testimony on behalf of **ASSIGNEE** that lawfully may be required of **ASSIGNOR** in respect of the prosecution, maintenance and defense of any patent application or patent encompassed within the terms of this instrument. **ASSIGNOR**'s obligations under this instrument shall extend to **ASSIGNOR**'s heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives.

**ASSIGNOR** hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent referred to above to **ASSIGNEE**, as the **ASSIGNEE** of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for **ASSIGNEE**'s sole use and behoof; and for the use and behoof of **ASSIGNEE**'s legal representatives and successors, to the full end of the term for which such Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by **ASSIGNOR** had this assignment and sale not been made.

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